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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

John W. Ladd

**Serial No.:** 10/044,743

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**For:** APPARATUS FOR ESTABLISHING  
AN ELECTRICAL CONNECTION WITH A  
WAFER TO FACILITATE WAFER-LEVEL  
BURN-IN AND METHODS

**Examiner:** R. Chang

**Group Art Unit:** 3729

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 14, 2004, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on April 14, 2004. As March 14, 2004, fell on a Sunday, this Amendment, which is being mailed on Monday, March 15, 2004, should be deemed to have been filed within the two-month early period for responding to the Final Office Action. 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

**Amendments to the abstract** are located at page 2 of this paper;

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks** start at page 6 of this paper.